

*Agenda*

Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency. John S. Breslan, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. (Reappointment) John S. Breslan, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. C. Russell H. Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012. (Reappointment) Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012. (Reappointment) Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled: "Current Mine Safety and Disasters: Issues and Challenges," during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled: "Preserving the Rule of Law in the Fight Against Terrorism," on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

*Witness List:*

Jack Landman Goldsmith, Henry L. Shattuck Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, in order to conduct a vote on the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs. The Committee will meet in the reception room off the Senate Floor immediately after the first rollcall vote that occurs after the party lunches on Tuesday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT  
MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE,  
AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled: "Preparing the National Capital Region for a Pandemic."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DODD, I ask unanimous consent that LTCOM Christopher Martin, a Congressional Fellow in Senator DODD's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate of H.R. 3222.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Earl Rilmington and Eric Perritt, fellows serving in Senator COCHRAN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of this Defense Department appropriations bill for fiscal year 2008.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 342, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 342) recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, en bloc; and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 342) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 342

Whereas from September 15, 2007, through October 15, 2007, the country celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month;

Whereas the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States at 44,300,000 people, making Hispanic Americans the largest ethnic minority within the United States;

Whereas 1 in every 3 children under the age of 18 in the United States is Hispanic, and there are now more than 14,000,000 Hispanic children living in the United States;

Whereas the purchasing power of Hispanic Americans is projected to reach \$1,000,000,000,000 by 2010 and there are more than 1,600,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, representing the economic contributions and spirit of entrepreneurship of the Hispanic community;

Whereas Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces, bravely fought in every war in United States history, and continue to serve with distinction in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas 140,000 Hispanic soldiers served in the Korean War;

Whereas more than 80,000 Hispanics served in the Vietnam War, representing 5.5 percent of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in that conflict although they comprised only 4.5 percent of the United States population at the time;

Whereas approximately 11 percent, the largest percentage of any ethnic or racial group, of the more than 3,700 United States military fatalities in Iraq have been Hispanic;

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 Hispanic veterans of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas 41 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at the highest levels of government, including 3 seats in the United States Senate; and

Whereas Hispanic Americans harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2007, through October 15, 2007;

(2) honors the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the life of the Nation; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities.

NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 343, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 343) designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day." This is the 15th